

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 30, with the following amended paragraph:

Q1 Figure 1 schematically illustrates an iris recognition system according to the conventional art. The iris recognition system mainly includes a front case 10 and an image recognition unit 3. At the center of the front case 10, a guidance unit 20 is disposed to guide an eye of a person to be positioned on the optical axis of the iris recognition system. In front of the image recognition unit 3, an optical system having a plurality of lenses 5 is disposed. At the rear of the image recognition unit 3, a pickup device 7 for detecting an image passed through the lenses 5 is installed. Below the image recognition unit 3, a fixing frame 4 fixes the image recognition unit 3 to an enclosure 4 by a connecting unit 6.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

Q2 In the thusly configured iris recognition system, an image of the eye (e) of a person is delivered to the pickup device 7 via the lenses 5, and then the image of the iris of the eye is recognized. The iris image thusly detected from the pickup device 7 is compared with an image previously registered in a computer (not shown).